

CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING Minutes
OCTOBER 6, 2015

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT NOBLE, WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

AT ROLL CALL THE FOLLOWING ALDERMEN WERE PRESENT:

ALDERMAN SECHE
ALDERMAN WILL
ALDERMAN DAWSON
ALDERMAN CAREY
ALDERMAN DAVIS
ALDERMAN MILLS
ALDERMAN SCHABOT
ALDERMAN BROWN.

ALDERMAN EXCUSED:
ALDERMAN DUNN

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND TO APPROVE SAME AS PREPARED AND FILED WITH CITY CLERK, OFFERED BY ALDERMAN MILLS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CAREY, AND CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS, OFFERED BY ALDERMAN BROWN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DAWSON, AND CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 30 MINUTES

1. NICK MARITSAS, 184 HILLSIDE TERRACE, KINGSTON, CO-OWNER OF DALLAS HOT WIENERS. HE IS APPALLED AT THE IDEA THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY ARE WILLING TO TAKES AWAY PARKING AND SIDEWALKS FOR A DEDICATED BIKE TRAIL. THERE IS NO CONSIDERATION FOR MERCHANTS, CONSUMERS OR SPECIAL EVENTS PARKING. THERE WOULD BE NO ROOM FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO PASS IF THERE WAS ONE LESS LANE. ASKS THAT THIS IDEA BE RETHOUGHT TO HAVE LANE GO TO THE SIDE STREETS.
2. CHRIS SCHRADER, 18 ORA PLACE, KINGSTON. AGAINST THE BIKE LANE AS WELL, NO THOUGHT GIVEN TO HANDICAP PARKING, WILL HURT BUSINESSES ON BROADWAY WHO’S CUSTOMER PARK AND ARE IN AND OUT QUICKLY.
3. KATHLEEN NEALIS, 478 BROADWAY, KINGSTON, CO-OWNER OF MONKEY JOE’S. THEIR BUSINESS DEPENDS ON PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO PARK, RUN IN AND LEAVE QUICKLY. IF THEY HAVE TO PARK BLOCKS AWAY THEY WON’T BOTHER TO COME IN. THIS IDEA NEVER GAVE THOUGHT TO TRAFFIC VOLUME, BUS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. WHEN THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A LOCATION FOR THEIR BUSINESS YEARS AGO, HER HUSBAND DID EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND FOUND THAT THE LOCATION ON BROADWAY WAS IDEAL, ONE REASON THE QUICK AND EASY ACCESS TO PARKING.
4. GWENN SORENSON, OWNER OF STONE SOUP CO. AGREES TOTALLY WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND FOR ALL THE SAME REASONS.
5. JOE BAGANZ, OWNER OF JOE B’S DELI, 456 BROADWAY. SUMMARIZING TONIGHT’S THOUGHTS; REALIZES THAT GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SPEND MONEY ON GREEN PROJECTS, SUCH AS THE WALKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL, WHICH HE FREQUENTS. HOWEVER, THE PROPOSAL FOR A BIKE TRAIL, INSTEAD OF A BIKE LANE, WHICH THEY HAVE IN NYC IS NOT REASONABLE. IT WOULD TAKE AWAY 13’OF SIDEWALK AND PARKING. LOCAL BUSINESSES WILL SUFFER.
6. BILL HUTTON, PRINCE ST., KINGSTON. HE HAS RESEARCH SITES SUCH AS GREEN BIKE LANES, THAT SHOWS THIS IS AN UNSAFE PROPOSAL AND NOT APPROPRIATE FOR SMALL URBAN CITIES, WHICH CAN CAUSE A FINANCIAL DISASTER, BECAUSE AT LEAST 200 CYCLISTS NEEDED TO REPLACE ONE PARKING SPACE. THIS IS NOTHING AGAINST CYCLISTS, THEY ARE OPPOSED TO THIS PLAN, AS IT GIVES THEM A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY. ADVISES TO REROUTE TO PRINCE ST.
7. SEAN PARMENTER, OWNS 460 AND 470 BROADWAY. PARKING IS HARD ENOUGH, NOW FACTOR IN SNOW, EMERGENCY TRAFFIC IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR BUSINESSES TO SURVIVE. LEGISLATORS NEED TO SPEAK TO SPEAK PERSONALLY WITH THE BUSINESS OWNERS.

CLAIMS:

#15-32 PERSONAL INJURY
#15-33 PERSONAL INJURY
#15-34 STORAGE
#15-35 SEWER

COMMUNICATIONS:

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| 1. HEATHER RAUCH, CENTRAL HUDSON | RE: PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM (RESUBMITTED) | FIN |
| 2. ALDERMAN WILL | RE: SIGNAGE ON LINDERMAN AVENUE | PS |
| 3. ALDERMAN BROWN | RE: ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING-BROADWAY | PS |
| 4. MICHAEL MORIELLO, ESQ. | RE: RUPCO MIXED USE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT | COPY |
| 5. ALDERMAN SCHABOT | RE: HADICAP SIGN ABRUYN STREET | PS |
| 6. ELLEN DIFALCO, MAYOR’S SECRETARY | RE: REQUEST FOR NO PARKING SIGNS | PS |
| 7. MAYOR GALLO | RE: APPOINTMENT OF ALDERMAN ANTHONY DAVIS | COPY |
| 8. MAYOR GALLO | RE: APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY PLANNING BOARD | COPY |
| 9. LAWRENCE BEGNAL | RE: EASEMENT GRANTED AT 560 ALBANY AVENUE | L&R |
| 10. ELLEN DIFALCO, MAYOR’S SECRETARY | RE: REMOVE HANDICAP PARKING SIGN | PS |
| 11. ALDERMAN SCHABOT | RE: HANDICAP PARKING REQUEST HUNTER STREET | PS |
| 12. ALDERMAN DAVIS | RE: STOP SIGNS AT FOXHALL/STEPHAN, CORNELL/ S. MANOR | PS |
| 13. NYSDOH-BERP | RE: RADON PARTNERS/STAKEHOLDERS MEETING | COPY |
| 14. GREGG SWANZEY, ECO. DEV. | RE: HUDDSON RIVERPORT BOA STEP 3 IMPLEMENTATION | L&R |
| 15. A. WINCHELL, WWTF | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST | FIN |
| 16. CHIEF BROWN, KFD | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST | FIN’ |
| 17. CHIEF TINTI, KPD | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST | FIN |
| 18. ALDERMAN DAWSON | RE: HANDICAP SIGN VANBUREN STREET | PS |
| 19. ALDERMAN SECHE | RE: HANDICAP PARKING 100 MAIN STREET | PS |
| 20. M. SCHUPP, DPW | RE: REQUEST TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE | FIN |
| 21. M. SCHUPP, DPW | RE: TAX EXEMPT REFUSE | FIN |
| 22. ALDERMAN CAREY | RE: BETTER BROADWAY PROPOSAL | PS |
| 23. ALDERMAN CAREY | RE: DIETZ STADIUM | L&R |
| 24. ALDERMAN WILL | RE: SIGNAGE AND TRAFFIC AT BECKETT STREET | PS |
| 25. MAYOR GALLO | RE: TIM WARNER/CHARTER FRANCHISE RENEWAL | L&R |
| 26. A. ZWEBEN, CORP. COUNSEL | RE: CT MALE PIKE PLAN REPORT | COPY |
| 27. A. ZWEBEN, CORP COUNSEL | RE: 6-12 WLOW STREET (RESUBMITTED) | FIN |
| 28. A. ZWEBEN, CORP. COUNSEL | RE: 102 HENRY STREET (RESUBMITTED) | FIN |
| 29. A. ZWEBEN, CORP. COUNSEL | RE: 24-256 HURLEY AVENUE (RESUBMITTED) | FIN |
| 30. MARK KRUK, NYS DOT | RE: 1-587 AT ALBANY AVENUE PUBLIC PRESENTATION | PS |
| 31. A. ZWEBEN, CORP. COUNSEL | RE: 94 FURNACE STREET | FIN |

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE SECOND READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS AND PAY SAME OFFERED BY ALDERMAN SCHABOT, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CAREY, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #198 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #199 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #200 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #201 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY BUDGET. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #202 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #203 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 ENGINEERING BUDGET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #204 OF 2015 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ARTS COMMISSION, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, DAWSON, DUNN, CAREY, DAVIS, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #205 OF 2015 ADDING ONE WAY STREET ON WEST UNION STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #206 OF 2015 ALTERING TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WALL AND JOHN STREETS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE, 7 YES, 1 NO.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #207 OF 2015 REPEALING HANDICAP PARKING ON ST. JAMES STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, SCHABOT, DAVIS, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #208 OF 2015 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON HUNTER STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, SCHABOT, DAVIS, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #209 OF 2015 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON THIRD AVENUE, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, SCHABOT, DAVIS, BROWN, MOTION TO SEND BACK TO COMMITTEE OFFERED BY ALDERMAN SCHABOT, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MILLS, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #210 OF 2015 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON ABRUYN STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, SCHABOT, DAVIS, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

LAWS & RULES/CABLE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #211 OF 2015 ADOPTING A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, DAWSON, DUNN, BROWN, CAREY, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE /AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #212 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING BONDING FOR THE LED STREET LIGHTING CONVERSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,100,000.00, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

RESOLUTION #213 OF 2015:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$2,100,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY COSTS OF A STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, IN AND FOR SAID CITY, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #214 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING ADOPTING A BOND ORDINANCE IN THE SUM OF \$3,500,000.00 TO BOND THE WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE

RESOLUTION #215 OF 2015:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,500,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000 BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #216 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING BONDING FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR NYSDEC WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-ROUND 11 FOR THE UPTOWN PARKING LOTS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

RESOLUTION #217 OF 2015:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$340,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY COSTS OF RENOVATIONS TO PARKING LOTS AND THE RELOCATION OF A FIRE HYDRANT IN AND FOR SAID CITY, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

LAWS & RULES/CABLE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #218 OF 2015 REQUESTING VERIZON TO PROVIDE FIBER-OPTIC INTERNET ACCESS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, DAWSON, CAREY, DUNN, DAVIS, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

LAWS & RULES/CABLE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #219 OF 2015 TO CONFIRM THE DRAFT BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA (BOA) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DGEIS) FOR THE HUDSON RIVERPORT DATED SEPTEMBER, 2015 IS COMPLETE AND READY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #220 OF 2015 TO AUTHORIZE BONDING AND APPROVE FUNDING IN THE SUM OF \$35,000.00 TO RELOCATE A FIRE HYDRANT ON ULSTER AVENUE, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DAVIS, WILL, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

ALDERMAN DAWSON ASKED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF THE FOUR YOUNG MEN KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT, JEFF MCQUEEN, KAIREEM MEEKS, JONTE CLARK, DANTE CRUMP ALDERMAN SCHABOT ASKED TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM SCAFIDI, FORMER VICE-PRINCIPAL AND PRINCIPAL OF KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL AND A VETERAN.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS OFFERED BY ALDERMAN SCHABOT, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DAWSON, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CARLY WILLIAMS
CITY CLERK